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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6572

BILL NUMBER: SB 349

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 21, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Appropriation for Public Television.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Server

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill appropriates \$1,400,000 to the Department of Education for WIPB-TV (the Muncie Public Broadcasting System television station) to convert to high definition television.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill appropriates \$1.4 M from the General Fund to the Department of Education upon passage of the bill making the funds available in FY 2005. However, the public broadcasting system will have until June 30, 2006, to use the funds.

Background: In the 2000-2001 biennium, a \$20 M appropriation was made from the Build Indiana Fund for the digital conversion of public broadcasting system television stations. Of the appropriation, \$16 M was initially allotted and disbursed. According to the Budget Agency, another \$1.8 M of the appropriation was allotted and disbursed to the Muncie PBS TV station in FY 2003, leaving approximately \$2 M of the appropriation. It is unknown at this time if the Muncie PBS TV station may receive any of the remaining appropriation money.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Muncie Public Broadcasting System Television Station.

Information Sources: Budget Agency; Indiana Auditor of State Appropriation and Allotment Trial Balance.

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